Pennsylvania American Water Proudly Recognizes American Water Charitable Foundation 2024 Water and Environment Grantees

Recipients include 15 nonprofit organizations across the Commonwealth, receiving more than $265K in total funding

MECHANICSBURG, Pa. (May 2, 2024) – The American Water Charitable Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization established by American Water, the largest regulated water and wastewater utility company in the U.S., recently announced that 15 organizations were awarded a Water and Environment grant, supporting communities served by Pennsylvania American Water with a total of $267,580 in funding.

“As a provider of safe, clean water and wastewater service for customers across Pennsylvania, a commitment to the well-being of the environment and our watersheds is at the heart of all we do. We understand that as a company, we play an important role in protecting, restoring, and enhancing these shared resources, but we also know we can’t do it alone,” said Pennsylvania American Water Vice President of Business Development, Government and External Affairs Thom Chiomento. “We’re thankful for the many dedicated community partners we’re able to collaborate with and support as they work to address environmental concerns, offer educational resources and ensure the health and vitality of our state for generations to come.”

The Water and Environment grant is part of the American Water Charitable Foundation’s Keep Communities Flowing Grant Program, focusing on three pillars of giving: Water, People and Communities. Below is a list of the grantees from across Pennsylvania, along with details on their respective projects:

- Allegheny CleanWays, Allegheny County – Cleanup of illegal dumping sites and litter on Allegheny County waterways ($10,000)
- Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, York County – Train and empower community champions to improve, restore and protect their local watershed ($51,776)
- Berks Nature, Berks County – Support construction of a vernal pool to enhance water quality, biodiversity and environmental education at Neversink Mountain Preserve ($4,941)
- Central Pennsylvania Conservancy, Cumberland County – Create safe, accessible, elevated viewing areas of the wetlands and stream at Letort Spring Garden Preserve ($6,000)
- Eastern PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation, Luzerne County – Conduct a water quality assessment of fishery and impacts from abandoned mines in Southern Wyoming Valley ($18,000)
- Lehman Sanctuary, Luzerne County – Restore native wildflower watershed habitats alongside watershed education to regional students ($10,000)
- North Branch Land Trust, Luzerne County – Implement an invasive species management plan that increases stormwater retention, water quality and public access at the Hanover Crossings Marsh Sanctuary ($25,000)
- Old Forge Elementary PTO, Lackawanna County – Restore arboretum to create an outdoor classroom with seating, shade, plants and a pond/water source ($10,000)
- Pennsylvania Envirothon, Snyder County – Support statewide high school environmental science competition ($15,000)
- Pennsylvania Resources Council, Allegheny County – Provide residents of Mon Valley with free rain barrels and education to reduce watershed pollution ($10,000)
- Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy, Montgomery County – Provide on-water education for 600 students in Norristown Area School District through The Floating Classroom Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Program ($20,000)
- Scranton Tomorrow, Lackawanna County – Purchase landscape materials for City Pride 2024, including soil, plants, signage, and litter abatement supplies ($38,200)
- The Greater Pittston Land Revitalization Corporation, Luzerne County – Empower the community through The Gardens at Pittston Housing Authority shared green space: fostering growth, connection and sustainability ($10,000)
- The Pennsylvania State University, Dauphin County – Engage underserved communities by exposing K-12

students to a pilot scale water treatment plant at Penn State Harrisburg ($23,663)
- Three Rivers Waterkeeper, Allegheny County – Provide an ambassador program focused on community engagement to protect source drinking water ($15,000)

Carrie Williams, President, American Water Charitable Foundation added: “The American Water Charitable Foundation is delighted to partner with eligible nonprofit organizations across Pennsylvania. Funding for Water and Environment grants is allocated towards projects focused on clean water, conservation, environmental education, climate variability and water-based recreation.”

Learn more about Pennsylvania American Water’s community impact, here.

About Pennsylvania American Water

Pennsylvania American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), is the largest regulated water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water and wastewater services to approximately 2.3 million people.

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